Cooperative Housing Societies of Secunderabad, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command, was directed to carry cut a review of the FSI with respect to all the Cantonments in Southern Command except Kirkee and Pune, The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief issued public notices inviting objections and suggestions from the public to the proposed FSI restrictions as under :—

(i) 1.5 for residential and institutional buildings in civil|bazar areas.

(ii) 2 for buildings part or whole of which are used for commercial purposes in these areas.

(iii) 0.75 in the remaining areas of the Cantonment.

After due consideration of the objections and suggestions received from the public, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command, has decided not to increase the FSI restrictions and maintain the *status quo*.

Foreign equity participation in the manufacture of T.V. sets

1249. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI N. E. BALRAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow participation of foreign equity companies in the manufacture of T.V. sets in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, E LECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The proposal of allowing participation of foreign equity companies for the manufacture of TV sets is under consideration of the Government.

Poverty alleviation Programmes

1250. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the major poverty alleviation programmes being financed by the Central Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and criterion used for deciding the inter-project priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): The major poverty alleviation programmes being financed by the Central Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), and the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP). Amongst these Programmes the cost of IRDP and NREP is shared equally by the centre and the States, whereas RLEGP is financed entirely by the Central Government.

While the IRDP aims at developing self-employment ventures by asset endowment, the NREP and the RLEGP provide supplemental wage employment. The IRDP and the employment programme (NREP and RLEGP) are not mutually exclusive. These activities supplement one another and together ensure a more stable flow of income to the poor.

Indian Initiatives to include SADR into NAM and UN

1251. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of EXTER-

NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 640 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government are taking any initiative for admission of Sahravi Arab Democratic Republic to the NAM and the United Nations, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Training before selection of IAS Officers

1252. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of November 6, 1985 captioned "Training should precede IAS "selection";

(b) whether Government have started implementing the suggestions made by the Prime Minister;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to utilise the experience of successful IAS people in their field service;

(d) what is the present minimum field service stipulated for deputation to the Central Government;

(e) whether the rotation system as reported will be adopted shortly for IAS officers; and

(f) the measures being taken to select officers with good record of field service at district level?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is examining various proposals to introduce changes in the methods of recruitment to the All India and Group 'A' Central Services including provision of training as part of recruitment process.

(c) to (f) Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments regarding career development of IAS officers including proper and effective utilisation of field experience acquired by these officers. These guidelines envisage the posting of officers to various areas for the first 10 years and to the extent possible in three or four identified areas thereafter so as to enable functional specialisation to be obtained. After examining the proposals referred to in the answer to part (a) and (b) Government may issue revised guidelines in this behalf. Three years of combined field experience for Central deputation at the level of Director/Deputy Secretary and two years for Under Secretary have been laid down.

Calculation of Dearness Allowance to Government Pensioners

1253. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government pensioners are not allowed house rent allowance, city compensatory allowance and leave travel concessions and other benefits admissible to serving personnel and that the dearness allowance granted to them is calculated on a rate different than that allowed to serving personnel;